

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of analysing ~~[the]~~ contents of a pressurised container, the method comprising the steps of:
enclosing said container in a pressure vessel;
pressurising said pressure vessel with a non-reactive fluid;
piercing said pressurised container within said pressure vessel; and
analysing the contents of said pressurised container when drawn off through said ~~[piecing]~~ piercing.
2. (Currently amended) ~~[A] The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to claim 1, wherein said piercing is performed by [in] the following steps:
forming a first piercing, by which said first piercing the pressurised container is pre-pressurised,
and
forming a second piercing,
wherein the pressure inside the pressurised container is kept constant by said first piercing when the contents of the pressurised container are [is] drawn off through said second piercing.
3. (Currently amended) ~~[A] The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to claim 1, wherein the pressurised container comprises a canister wall, and the method further comprises [or 2, further comprising] the step of analysing ~~[the]~~ contents remaining on ~~[container component]~~ the canister wall after contents of the container are drawn off.

4. (Currently amended) [A] The method ~~[of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said container is a metered dose inhaler canister.
5. (Currently amended) [A] The method ~~[of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said non-reactive fluid is a propellant.
6. (Currently amended) [A] The method ~~[of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to any one of claims ~~[1 to 3]~~ 1, 2 or 3, wherein said non-reactive fluid is nitrogen.
7. (Currently amended) [A] The method ~~[of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ claim 6, ~~[5]~~ wherein said nitrogen is gaseous.